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Plans for Additional Office Space

Acting under the authorization given by the Board of Directors at their meeting on May 26, the executive officers of the Association are holding preliminary conferences with an architect for the purpose of ascertaining the exact cost of erecting an addition in the rear of the present Association building.

The plan first considered by the special building committee appointed by President Cannon was to change the entrance of the present building to the level of "H" street and to fit up office rooms in space not now used for that purpose. This plan was suggested in view of the possibility that officials of the District of Columbia will decide to widen "H" street, thus requiring a change of some kind in the "H" street entrance to the present building. The expense of making an entrance on the level of "H" street would be around \$10,000.

At present the Association is renting office space in a nearby building at a cost of about \$800 a year. The creation of a division of Domestic Science necessitates an additional office, which would cost about the same amount, making in all an expenditure of about \$1,600 a year. The Association owns a building in Georgetown in which are stored the experimental packs put up by the research laboratories.

In view of the fact that the plan first proposed would only temporarily relieve the congestion in the present building, and that it would probably be necessary to continue to rent some outside office space, the committee recommended the erection of an addition in the rear of the present building, to have the same height and width and to run the full length of the lot on Eighteenth Street. It was roughly estimated that this addition

could be erected for about \$35,000, and that it would provide not only the additional office space needed, but also storage room for experimental packs and thus make it possible for the Association to dispose of the Georgetown property. It is thought that the latter can be sold for about \$10,000, thus making it possible to erect the addition at a net cost of about \$25,000.

Customs Case Involving Tariff on Tomato Paste

The Association has been advised by the Assistant Attorney General in charge of Customs that there is a case on the docket of the U. S. Customs Court in New York City, involving the duty on tomato paste in small cans labelled "Salsa di Pomodoro Concentrata." It is the government's contention that this product is dutiable at 40 per cent ad valorem. The importer claims that it is dutiable at 15 per cent ad valorem under paragraph 770 of the Tariff Act, or at 35 per cent under paragraph 773.

The Government Attorney handling the case may be consulted at room 929, U. S. Appraisers Stores, New York City, until June 20. Cannery interested are invited to present information or their views either in person or by correspondence before that date. The case is set for trial June 21.

Hearing on Canned Food Freight Rates

The Interstate Commerce Commission has announced that a hearing on the schedules proposing new rates on canned foods in car loads from Pacific Coast points to the middle section of the United States will be held at the Great Northern Hotel in Chicago on June 21, before Examiner Hill. These new rates were filed by carriers to become effective on May 29, and the Commission has suspended them until December 29, pending investigation.

General Supply Committee Asks Proposals

The General Supply Committee, under date of May 20th, issued specifications and proposals for furnishing bids on groceries and provisions to the various Government establishments in the City of Washington, for the period from July 1 to September 30, 1927. These proposals call for definite quantities which are to be delivered f. o. b., Washington, D. C. Prices are also being requested on the same items for undetermined quantities. Applications for these proposals should be addressed to the General Supply Committee, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Women in Delaware Industries

The Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor in Bulletin No. 58 gives a report of the investigation that the Bureau conducted in 1924 into the employment of women in Delaware industries. Of the 150-some pages in the report, about thirty pages are devoted to the vegetable canneries. Copies of the report are obtainable from the Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, at 25 cents each.

Hearing on Tariff on Cherries

The U. S. Tariff Commission has announced that a public hearing will be held at the offices of the Commission in Washington on June 28, on the differences in the cost of production, in the United States and abroad, of cherries in their natural state, sulphured, or in brine, as provided for under the flexible Tariff Act.

Canned Food Exports in April

Exports of canned foods in April, as compared with the same month last year, showed increases in meats, fruits, salmon and sardines, and declines in milk and vegetables. The figures as compiled by the Department of Commerce follow:

	April, 1926		April, 1927	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Canned meats, total	1,476,953	\$498,378	1,749,906	\$627,298
Beef	276,727	117,955	314,302	87,666
Sausage	345,669	106,827	324,753	94,055
Condensed milk	3,684,806	561,600	2,760,507	432,461
Evaporated milk	9,260,711	953,217	7,054,071	755,496
Canned vegetables, total	5,147,975	471,682	4,772,616	407,573
Canned fruits, total	4,183,450	449,649	15,577,659	1,517,527
Apricots	251,980	29,709	1,409,799	146,452
Peaches	897,157	92,025	4,566,902	402,634
Pears	831,174	105,537	3,512,278	399,069
Pineapples	987,730	92,290	4,478,175	397,514
Salmon	1,397,519	204,088	3,015,140	438,981
Sardines	3,976,778	345,758	8,881,522	756,141

Cost Accounting Bulletin Distributed

A copy of the "Classification of Accounts for the Canning Industry" has been mailed to each member of the Association. If any member has failed to receive his copy, please notify the Association immediately and another will be sent.

Honorary Life Membership Voted

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on May 26 the Board unanimously voted an honorary life membership in the National Canners Association to La Maison Chevallier-Appert of Paris. This membership, was given in recognition of the

services to the industry of Nicholas Appert, the discoverer of the canning process, and of his son, Raymond Chevallier-Appert, who was the inventor of improved processing equipment.

Tomato Products Imported in April

Imports of canned tomatoes in April totaled 4,492,582 pounds, valued at \$268,858, while imports of tomato paste were 1,299,465 pounds, valued at \$143,135. As compared with the same month last year canned tomato imports increased 715,237 pounds in quantity and \$60,795 in value, while tomato paste imports decreased 416,518 pounds in quantity but increased \$1,572 in value.

Advertising Norwegian Canned Fish

Acting upon the suggestion of the Norwegian Cannery Association, the Norwegian Government passed a law which placed a tax of 0.10 kroner per case on all canned fish products exported from Norway after July 1, 1924. The purpose of this tax was to create a fund to be used in advertising Norwegian fish products abroad. According to information furnished to the American consul at Stavanger by the chairman of the committee in charge, the funds accumulated under this special tax up to the first part of the year amounted to 466,900 kroner. Taking the value of the kroner as of December 31, 1926, as 25 cents, this would amount to approximately \$116,725. The Committee authorized no expenditures except for administrative purposes for 1926, but for 1927 three distinct foreign advertising campaigns have been undertaken, and 300,000 kroner have been appropriated to be divided equally on propaganda in the United States, Germany, and England.

The campaigns in the United States and Germany are to be confined to general publicity with a view to popularizing Norwegian kippered herring, and it is understood that magazines of special interest to women will be selected as mediums in these countries. In England the campaign will stress only Norwegian brisling (sardines), this country being regarded at present as an unfavorable market for kippered herring.

"What We Shall Eat."

The World's Work for June contains an interesting article, the second in a series by Floyd W. Parsons, on "What We Shall Eat." This article deals chiefly with the effect of heat in cooking and canning on the nutritive value of foods, and gives the results of the vitamin work conducted by the National Cannery Association in collaboration with Columbia University.